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A HOST CELL**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2009 (Paper No./Mail Date 20091026) (herein referred to as "the Office Action" or "this Office Action") from the Patent Office. In the Office Action, the Examiner has imposed a requirement to elect one of the 22 groups of inventions (as set forth on pages 2-5 of the Office Action) for further examination of the above application.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to further prosecute Group I claims (claims 1-8).